

US 101 REGIONAL CIRCULATION PROJECT
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING
Port of Grays Harbor Commission Chamber
September 26, 2006
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Meeting Summary

The US 101 Regional Circulation Project Team held a public open house meeting on September 26, 2006, at the Port of Grays Harbor Commission Chamber in Aberdeen. The open house was advertised in The Daily World. All addresses within Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis zip codes received post card invitations. Thirty-eight community members signed the official attendance sheet. Coverage of the event was provided by The Daily World Newspaper and Jodesha Broadcasting, a local radio station.

The Open House was organized into 6 stations of information. 1) Project purpose and goals, 2) Future growth in the Tri-City area, 3) Existing and future traffic conditions, 4) Collision data, 5) Bridge openings and rail operations, and 6) List of Projects.

A list of proposed projects was presented. Community members were provided an opportunity to indicate their preferences for the top 3 projects and were encouraged to comment on other aspects of the study. Formal comment cards were provided. The comments that were received from the community were:

- Wonderful presentation and information. People listened. Felt incorporated.
- Full Project: Truck Route Alternate US 12 – SR 109. Prefer that the full project be funded. This would be the 50-75 year fix for Grays Harbor. Funding is always an issue – **Do** the West Quarter – New bridge in Hoquiam Truck Route Connecting Industrial Way to SR 109 **FIRST**. This is the missing piece of our highway system and the most expensive – start the planning now since it may take 5 years to complete. It becomes the major project we work at the State and Federal level. All other fixes are minor or cosmetic.
- The Polson Museum is halfway to funding its major “Railroad Camp” project. Give me a call for details as you seek to identify projects of substantial size happening along US 101.
 1. As the DOT considers traffic changes through Hoquiam, I would ask that consideration be given to reducing Riverside Ave. to two lanes from the Farmers Market to Polson Museum. Riverside parking would do much to improve Hoquiam’s cultural re-birth and the change would serve to slow down traffic (which averages 35-45 MPH and sometimes reaches 60+).
 2. Consider a county-wide sign project to direct travelers to area historic, cultural, and recreational destinations. Graphic consistency and detail would do much to encourage tourism.
 3. As re-routing traffic is considered in Hoquiam, has a large roundabout been considered to promote access to downtown?

- A great deal of time and effort has been given to the 101 Reg. Circ. Project. Although my focus is with Cosmopolis and it does not appear that the smallest port city ranks as the larger cities do – we are appreciative of our city's inclusion in the list of project goals. Thank you.
- The transition for trucks from Port Industrial to and from the Hoquiam River Crossings can be greatly improved in the near term.
- The information provided was great! The thought, detail and completeness of information was worth knowing. The potential for traffic congestion and more accidents both vehicle and pedestrian in the Wal-Mart area that will occur when rail traffic increases was not addressed, surprisingly. Both bridge suggestions for replacing bridges in Hoquiam do not appear to be feasible. And moving rail traffic lines in the port area might interfere with potential incoming businesses and render some port property unuseable?
- More roundabouts
- I feel that there needs to be more access off the Highway (12) leaving Aberdeen – access to the North – in order to relieve congestion on Hwy 12. Someone put in a curb behind the UPS store and Baskin & Robbins, so now there are less options for turning off the highway. Don't know if this curb is legal or not? There is also no left turn lane for this neighborhood to the north of the highway. Better access to this area is needed. Perhaps even an access road between Hwy 12 and Think-of-me Hill. Thank you.
- I would like to see better access from Port Industrial Road onto residential street by Kens Auto Body. That turn on corner is dangerous.
- Please reroute trucks and recreational vehicles using the parallel corridor plan.
- Well Done. Staff explained things well. If money were no object we should have a big bypass behind the hills. That is the only solution that is not simply piecemeal.
- To relieve US 101 traffic through the Aberdeen and Hoquiam Urban Areas: Look for a workable route along the level bank on the west bank of the Wynoochee River, north of US 12, that allows for a clear Hwy west going north of the urban areas to about the intersection of US 101 and it's spur to SR 109.
- I would like to see Hwy 101 rerouted north of Aberdeen (@ Central Park) to North of Hoquiam. Have 3 offramps in the area to get off 101 to allow Aberdeen & Hoquiam. Return some peace and tranquility to the two towns.
- 2 New Bridges – Hoquiam New Bridge – Rail Out – Move Airport North, Highway Bypass –

The displays that were shown at each station are on the US101 Regional Circulation Project webpage at www.wsdot.wa.gov/planning/studies/US101/Aberdeen. Go to the “Meeting Materials” web page and click on the bulleted list of items. The following is a list of the displays at this meeting:

Station 1, Project Purpose & Goals

- SSB 6241
- Project Location Map
- Approved Goals and Criteria

Station 2, Future Growth

- Future Growth

Station 3, Traffic Conditions

- Level of Service
- Existing Traffic Conditions
- Year 2030 Traffic Conditions
- Traffic Analysis Findings

Station 4, Collision Data Analysis

- Highway Collision Data
- Local Street Collision Data

Station 5, Bridge and Rail

- Bridge Openings
- Rail Information

Station 6, Project List

- Unranked Project List
- Project Location Map
- Aberdeen/Hoquiam EIS Map